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COUNTDOWN TO **ABSOLUTE POWER**

THE FLASH

FLASH HITS
THE WALL!



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DAWN OF
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POWERS STOLEN.

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ABSOLUTE POWER

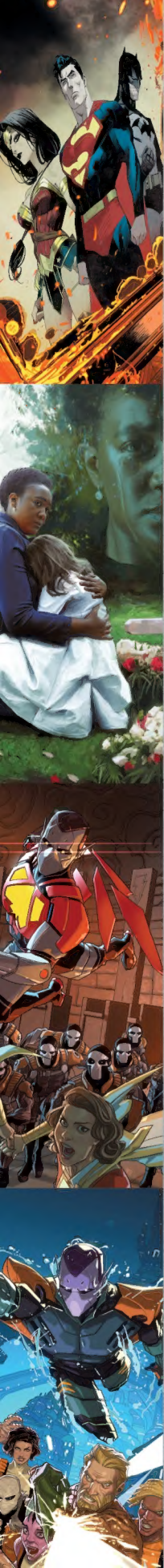
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THE TRINITY OF EVIL HAS WON... AND **ABSOLUTE POWER** BEGINS!

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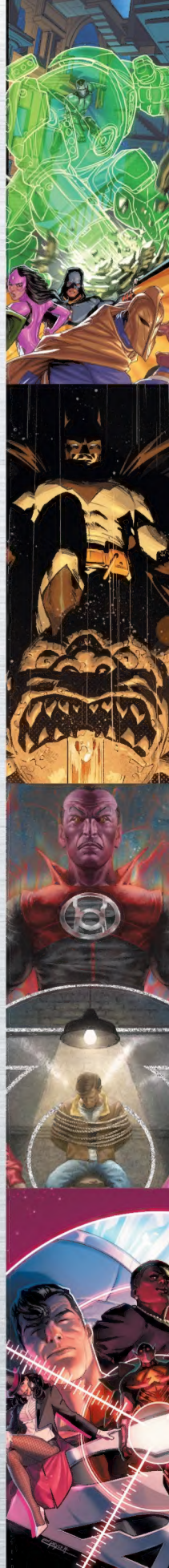
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THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES IN AUGUST!





Wally.
W-WALLY, I'M
FADING.
I DON'T HAVE
LONG. Y-YOU HAVE
TO **REMEMBER!**
YOU HAVE TO TURN
BACK TO THE
PEOPLE WHO
LOVE YOU!

Wally!



Hm?

WHO'S...



YAA
AA
WN

...Who's
Wally?



And...hey.
WHAT'S
BLOCKING MY
LIGHT?



Oh. Right.
JUST THAT
STATUE OF THE--
what was it?
**ARCH-SOME-
THING?**

Whatever.
I CAN'T EVEN
REMEMBER
WHAT THAT
WAS ALL
ABOUT.



IT IS
TIME,
WALLY
WEST.

Wh-wh-wh--

DO NOT
STAMMER
SO, OH PRIME
CONDUIT, YOU
ASKED WHAT
IT'S ALL
ABOUT.

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME.

**ISSUE TEN:
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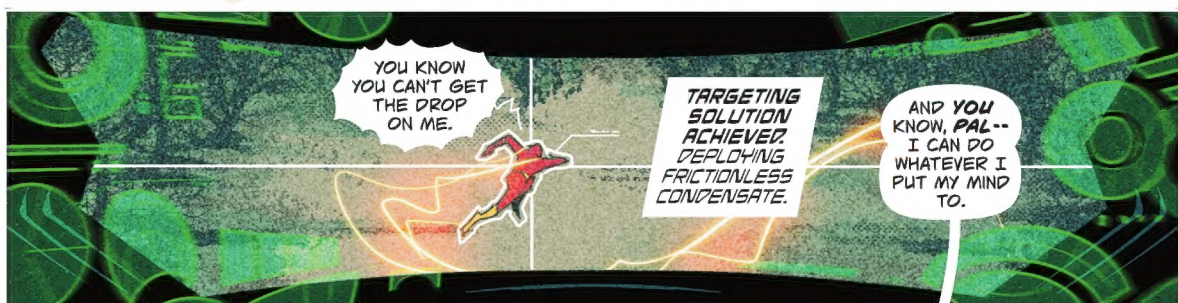
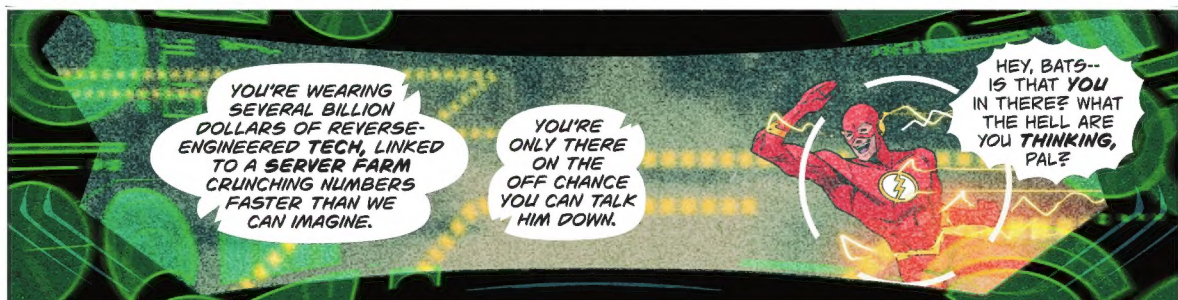
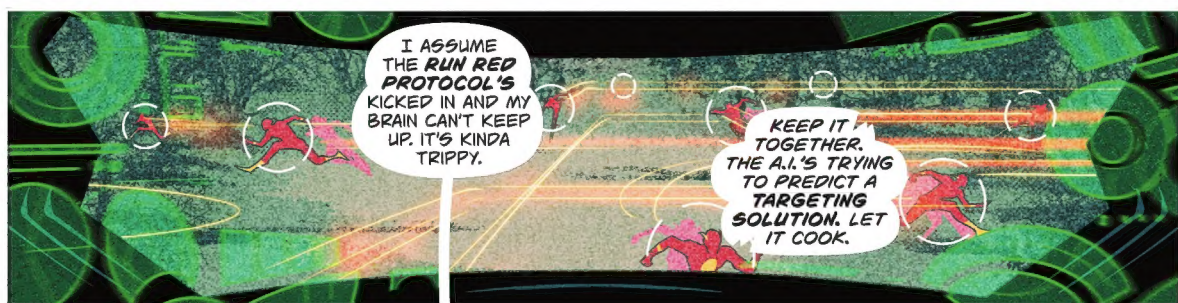
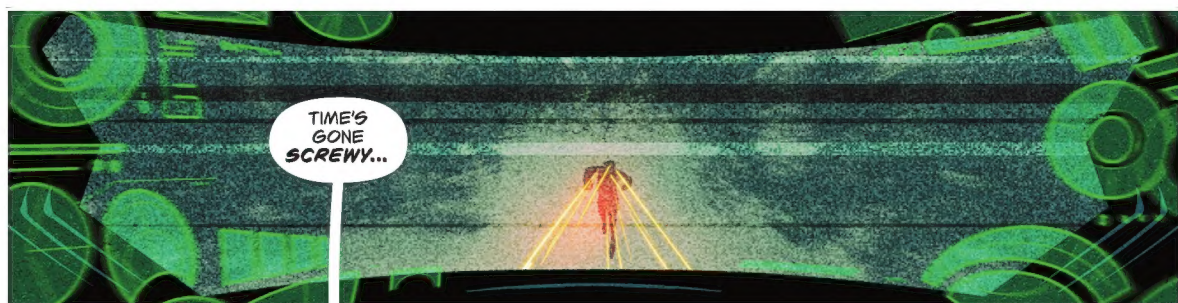
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I'M **BATMAN!**
AUTHORITARIAN
GOTH BUZZKILL!



WHAHAHAHA--?!



--AAAAA--

AAAAA--

NoNO calm calmCALM.

S-SUPER-FLUIDITY. CAN'T STEER, CAN'T SLOW DOWN...

Hrrr. y'know... I DON'T THINK YOU ARE HIM. Nn?! I THINK YOU'RE JUST SOME PARASITE WHO RETOOLED HIS CASTOFFS.

BATMAN SCRAPPED THE JUSTICE BUSTER AFTER IT TOOK DOWN THE WHOLE LEAGUE. KNOW WHY?





HE KNOWS
HIS FRIENDS
ARE **QUICK**
LEARNERS.

PILOT!
SENSORS
SHOW
HE--

YEAH.
USED HIS **AURA**
TO DISPLACE THE
FLUID. I **TOLD** YOU--
HIS CROWD'S GETTING
REAL **INVENTIVE** WITH
THAT SPEED FORCE
MAMMA JAMMA.

SO
PROVE
YOURSELF,
B-MAN. REAL
NAMES. YOURS
OR MINE.

NO DICE.
WALLER'S
LISTENING.

HER DATA SHOWS
SPEEDSTERS ARE
KILLING THE WORLD.
DIDN'T MEAN I
WANT TO BLOW
YOUR COVER.

FOR THE
LAST TIME:
STAND
DOWN.
PLEASE.

Heh.
NOW I
KNOW
YOU'RE A
FRAUD.

BATMAN
NEVER SAYS
PLEASE.

PILOT! WHY ARE
YOU ACTIVATING
MANUAL CONTROLS?
THE COMPUTER'S STILL
ANALYZING HIS
BEHAVIOR! IT'LL
CREATE A PR--

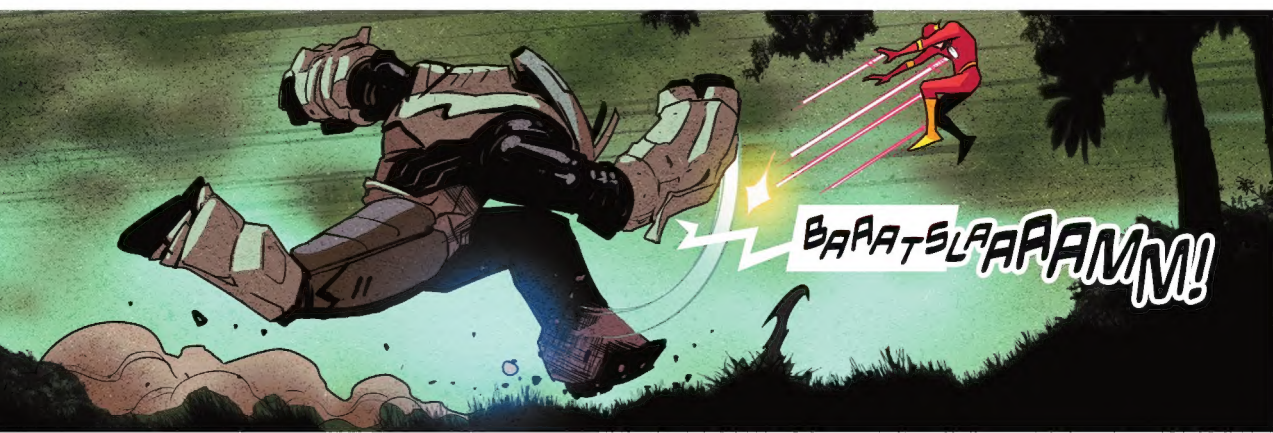
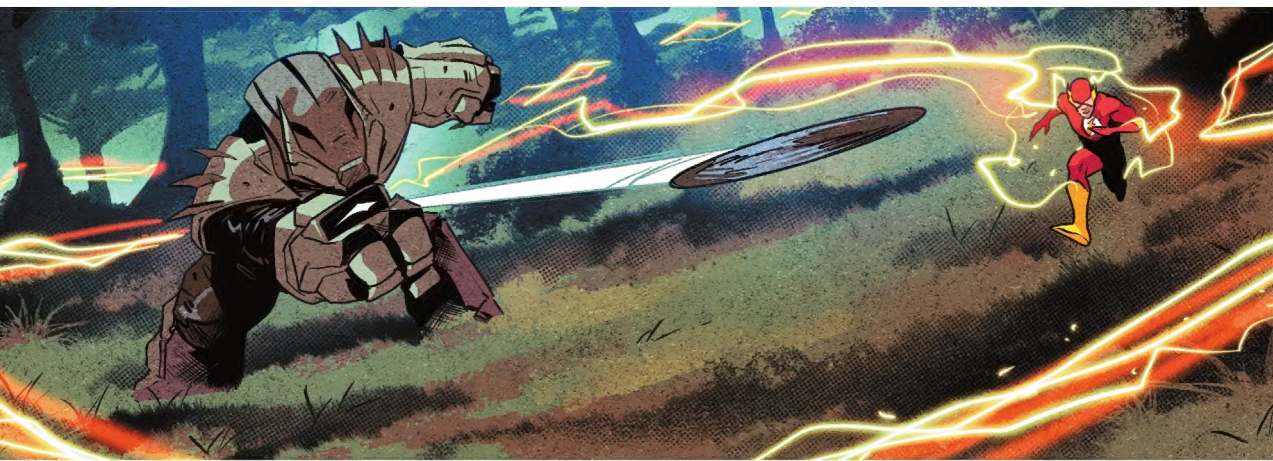
HELL
IT WILL.
Billions of
dollars to miss
the entire
freaking
point.

A.I. CAN'T
CREATE, LADY.
ALL IT DOES IS
REGURGITATE OLD
#@\$% IN **PRETTY**
PATTERNS.
SITUATION LIKE
THIS, WHAT'S
NEEDED--



--IS A
LITTLE
SPOOKY
INTUITION.

The issue takes place after
the shocking events of
GREEN ARROW #13!
--CHRIS



BAAAATSLAAAMM!

WE'VE
CRUNCHED
THE NUMBERS
A GAJILLION
TIMES.

NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT:
IT CAME FROM
THE **ARC**
ANGLES.

WHY WOULD
Nth-DIMENSIONAL
OMNIVALENT
UBERBEINGS LIE
ABOUT THIS, huh?
AND EVEN IF
THEY DID--

SPEEDSTERS
ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE IMPENDING
DESTRUCTION OF THE
MULTIVERSE. END
OF STORY.

WOULD YOU
PLEASE QUIT WITH
THE DOOMY SCIENCE-
BABBLE AND FINISH
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING?!

AND YEAH,
I HEARD WHAT
BARRY SAID.
CONSPIRACY OF
ROGUES, COSMIC
FRAME-UP...

...BUT WE
TRACKED THE
TIP-OFF TO THE
SOURCE
WALL.

--THE DATA
DOESN'T.

Y'know, DAD ALWAYS SAYS
HE KINDA **ENJOYS**
DOING THAT.

Like--
it's gross,
obviously--
BUT IT MAKES
HIM FEEL LIKE...
PART OF THE
PROCESS.

"FAMILY
DUTIES--
TOP
PRIORITY!"

I do not
approve of family
doodles.

Hm.
I GUESS--
LIKE SO MUCH
IN THE BUSINESS
OF **WEIRD**
SCIENCE--

--IT'S ALL
A MATTER OF
PERSPECTIVE.

YOU'RE **LITERALLY**
CHANGING YOUR OWN
DIAPER. ISN'T THAT,
like, A TIME
PARADOX, OR
SOMETHING?

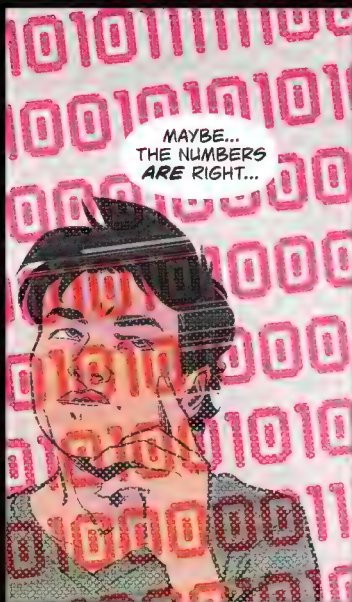
...Perspective...



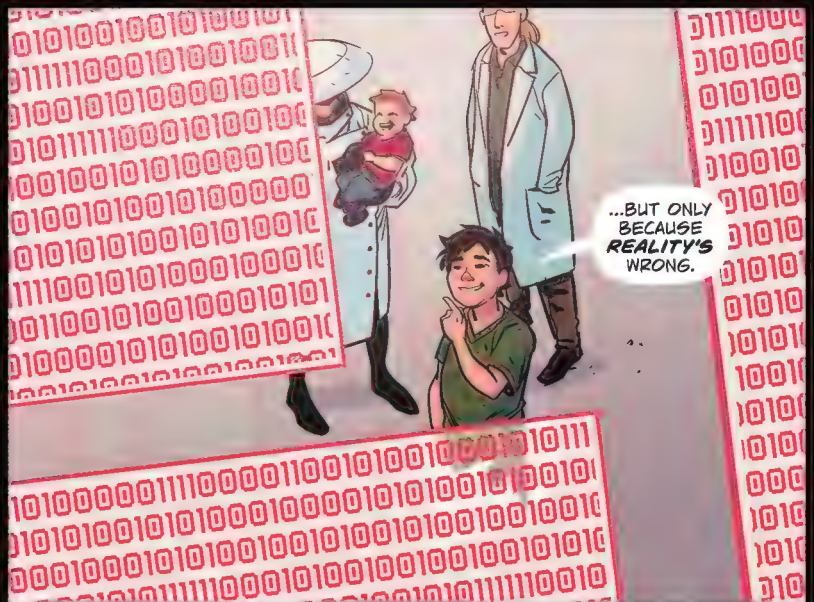
YOU ONCE
TOLD ME,
"CHANGE THE
WAY YOU LOOK
AT THINGS--
AND THE THINGS
YOU LOOK
AT WILL
CHANGE."

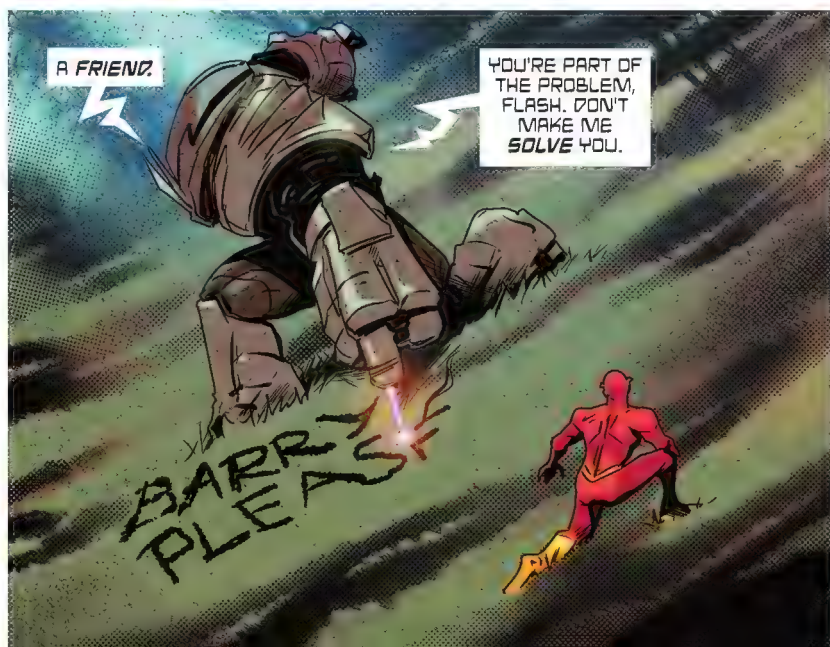
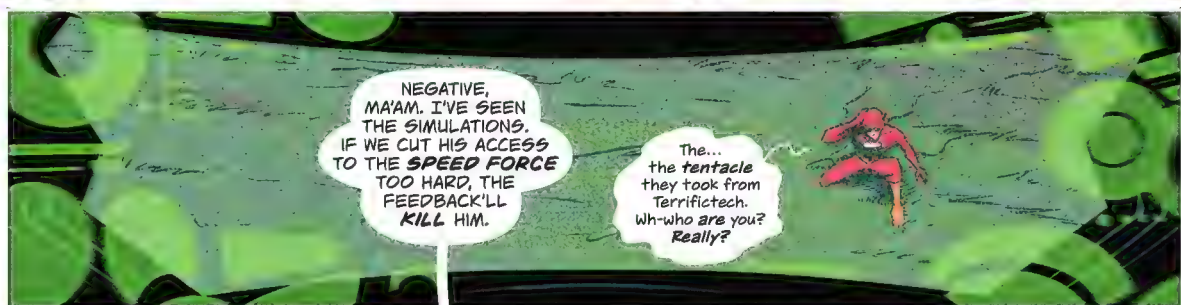


MAYBE...
THE NUMBERS
ARE RIGHT...



...BUT ONLY
BECAUSE
REALITY'S
WRONG.







SOLVE
THIS.

SEE
YA AROUND,
BAT-
FRAUD.

ENERGY
SENSORS
COMPROMISED.
DEPLOYING
COUNTER-
MEASURES.

What?
NO, SUIT,
STOP,
DON'T--

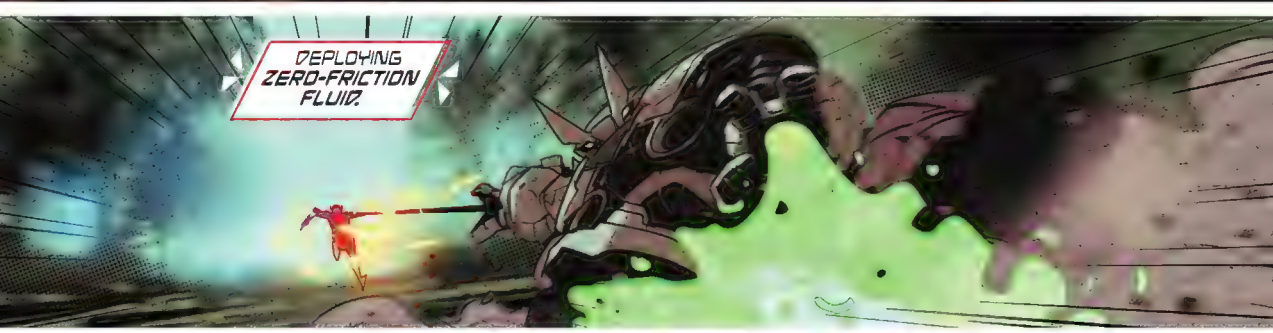




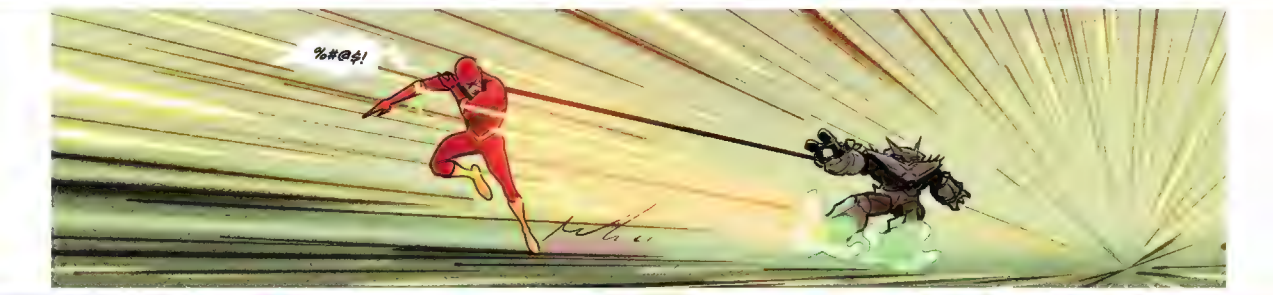
STOP!
FOR THE LOVE OF
GOD, IT'LL
KILL YOU!

N-NOT...
hrrr...

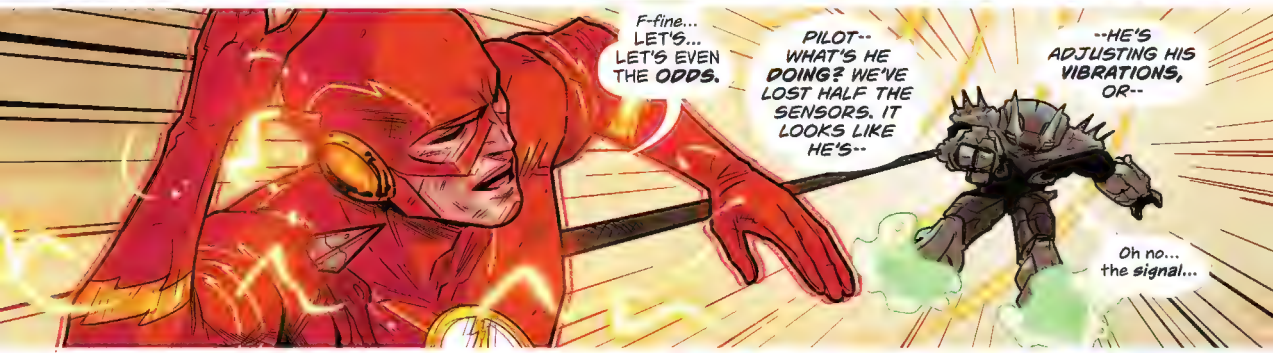
...IF IT...
KILLS...
YOU
FIRST--



DEPLOYING
ZERO-FRICTION
FLUID



%#@&!

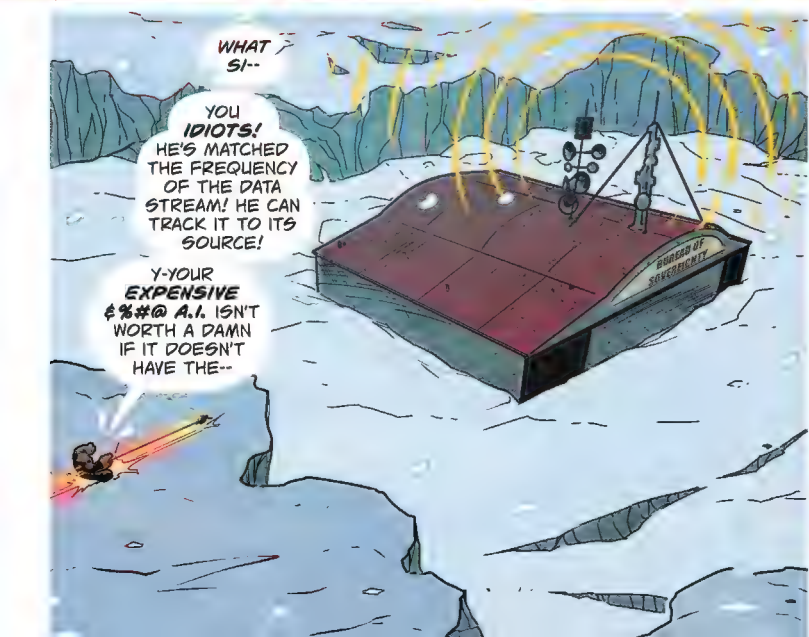


F-fine...
LET'S...
LET'S EVEN
THE ODDS.

PILOT--
WHAT'S HE
DOING? WE'VE
LOST HALF THE
SENSORS. IT
LOOKS LIKE
HE'S--

--HE'S
ADJUSTING HIS
VIBRATIONS,
OR--

Oh no...
the signal...



WHAT
SI--

YOU
IDIOTS!
HE'S MATCHED
THE FREQUENCY
OF THE DATA
STREAM! HE CAN
TRACK IT TO ITS
SOURCE!

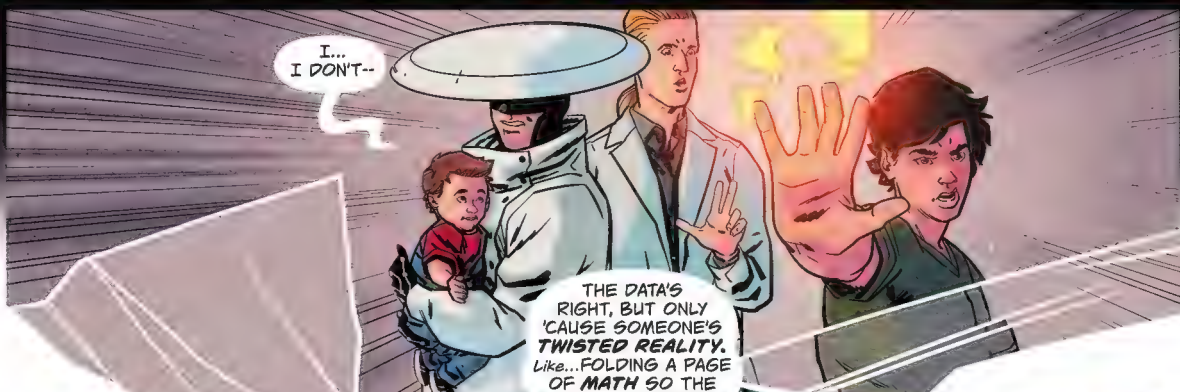
Y-YOUR
EXPENSIVE
\$%#@ A.I. ISN'T
WORTH A DAMN
IF IT DOESN'T
HAVE THE--



ZZRRBB



THE
ARC ANGLES
LIED.



I...
I DON'T--

THE DATA'S
RIGHT, BUT ONLY
'CAUSE SOMEONE'S
TWISTED REALITY.
Like... FOLDING A PAGE
OF MATH SO THE
WRONG NUMBER
SOLVES THE
EQUATION.

Ah
nuts...

WHATEVER'S
CAUSING THE SPEED
FORCE TO SPASM--
IT'S NOT SPEEDSTERS.
DAD AND THE REST,
THEY'RE GETTING HIT
JUST AS BAD AS
ANYONE...

Uh-oh.
AH THINK
THE JIG'S UP,
LADS...

THE
DISTURBANCE--
IT'S COMING FROM
HIGHER UP. Like,
AS HIGH AS IT'S
POSSIBLE TO
GO...

Uh-oh...

We must
anticipate the
displeasure of
the miungu...

BASICALLY--
GOD'S HAVING
A SEIZURE, THE
SPEED FORCE HAS
GONE LOOPY, AND
REALITY'S FALLING
APART.

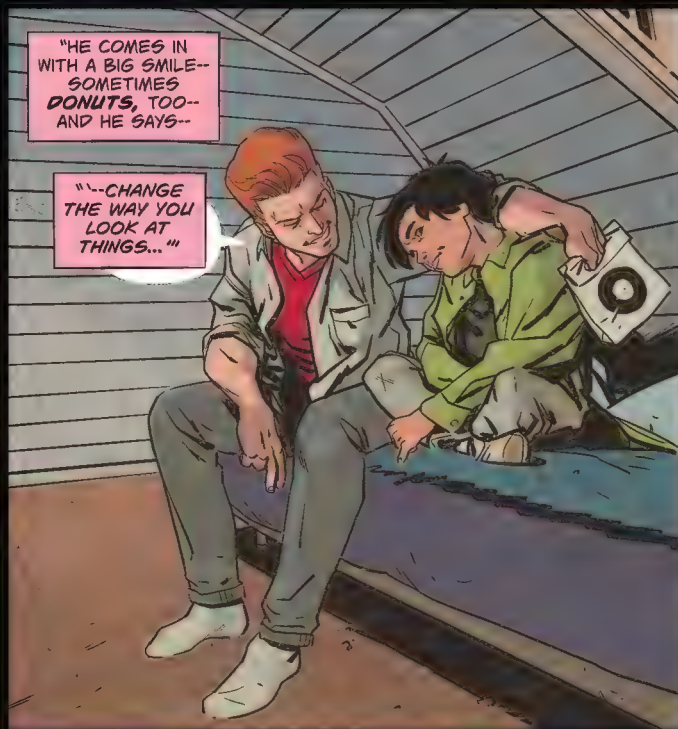
AND SOME
BOOGER BRAINS
TRYING TO PIN
IT ON MY
DAD.





...HOW DID YOU FIGURE THIS OUT, JAKE?

Ah, IT'S A DAD THING. Like, IF I'VE HAD A ROUGH DAY, OR MOM'S STUCK ON A PIECE OF WRITING, OR-- whatever.



"HE COMES IN WITH A BIG SMILE-- SOMETIMES DONUTS, TOO-- AND HE SAYS--

"--CHANGE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT THINGS..."



"...AND THE THINGS YOU LOOK AT WILL CHANGE."



RIGHT.

Look, I DON'T EVEN BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THIS WHOLE "SHAPER" THING. BUT... WHOEVER'S BEEN SCREWING WITH REALITY, SO THAT THE MATH READS WRONG?

I CAN STRAIGHTEN OUT THE FOLDS.



Well now.

IT'LL TAKE SOME WORK, FIGURING OUT WHY THE ARC ANGLES LIED. *Buuuut...* IF THEY'RE SO DAMN KEEN ON TAKING SPEEDSTERS OFF THE TABLE...



"...I'M INCLINED TO DO THE OPPOSITE."



Hhhh...
Th...THAT ALL
YA GOT...?

FLASH,
PLEASE.
GO LIMP.
STAY
DOWN.



...?
Wh...
what's
that...

...buzzing
sound...



Oh. Ha.
I get it.

y'know...
US FLASHES...?
WE'RE ALL
DIFFERENT.



I'M NOT
LIKE W-
THE MAIN
ONE. I'M NOT
BEING PULLED
A DOZEN
WAYS.
BUT...

...THERE'S
ONE
THING WE
ALL GOT IN
COMMON.



DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
YOU TRY. VOICES
IN OUR HEADS...
%@#*E IN
CYBERSUITS...

...MARATHON
OR SPRINT, IT'S
JUST A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE WE
EACH REMEMBER--



WE.



DON'T.



STOP.



Hh.
Hhh.

KNOW
WHY?



BECAUSE
WE GOT A
FAMILY TO
KEEP US
GOING.

TICK,
TICK,
TICK...

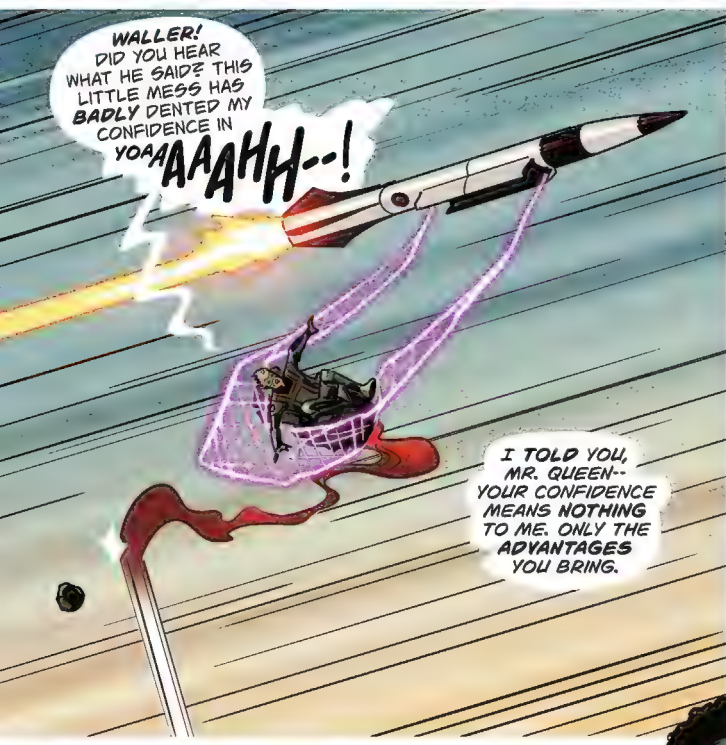
Wh--?





L-LET HIM GO. I THINK HIS HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE, WHOEVER HE IS.

MAYBE HE CAN PUT IN A GOOD WORD WITH THE WICKED WITCH.



WALLER! DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID? THIS LITTLE MESS HAS BADLY DENTED MY CONFIDENCE IN YOUAAAHHH--!

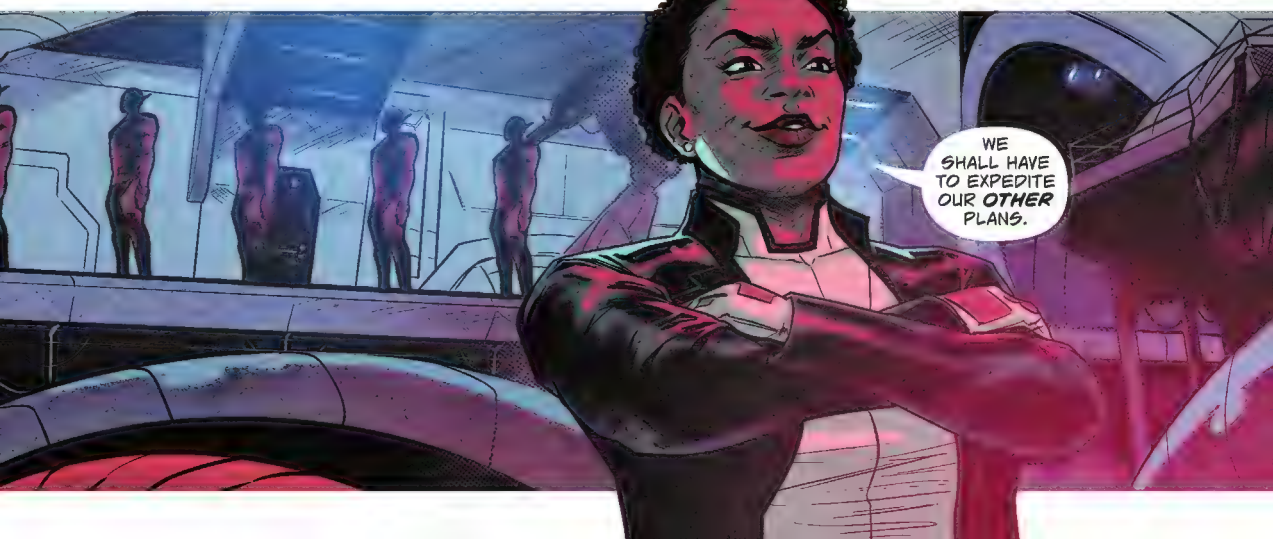
I TOLD YOU, MR. QUEEN-- YOUR CONFIDENCE MEANS NOTHING TO ME. ONLY THE ADVANTAGES YOU BRING.



TODAY YOU HAVE PROVIDED SOME INVALUABLE INTELLIGENCE.

I... I have...?

OH YES. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT BATMAN'S DEFUNCT TECHNOLOGY IS NOT ADEQUATE TO NEUTRALIZE THE SO-CALLED HEROES OF THE WORLD.



WE SHALL HAVE TO EXPEDITE OUR OTHER PLANS.



YOU ARE
THE LINCHPIN
OF OUR PLANS,
WALLY WEST.

OH, SUCH
DIVINE DESIGNS...
WE HAVE WAITED SO
LONG FOR YOU TO
BE READY...



YOUR
MEMORY, GONE.
ALL THE STRINGS OF
EXPERIENCE AND LOVE
THAT DISTRACTED YOU--
ERASED, DISSOLVED BY
THIS LONELY GALLERY.
OUR GIFT TO YOU.

AT LAST YOU
ARE PERFECT.
AN EMPTY VESSEL.
AN UNSULLIED CONDUIT,
LINKING THESE MUNDANE
FREQUENCIES TO THE
SOURCE OF YOUR
POWER.



THE...
THE S-SPEED...
FORCE...

WE'RE
GOING TO
SHOW YOU
WHAT IT
IS.

ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.



...AND THEN...
WHEN YOU HAVE
WITNESSED THE
HORROR IT
CAUSES...

...WHEN YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT
THIS MULTIVERSE
COULD SO EASILY BE A
PLACE OF PERFECTION...
WITHOUT PAIN OR DEATH
OR SUFFERING...

...THEN
WE WILL
DRAW INTO
YOU THE
DIVINE
WEAPON.



YOU WILL BE
THE SYRINGE.
HE--THEY--
WILL BE THE
POISON.

KILL KILL
KILL
KILL KILL
KILL

WE WILL USE
THE CONDUIT
THAT LINKS YOU TO
A HIGHER POWER...
TO SEND THIS HELLISH
MIND PAST THE EDGE
OF INFINITY...

...AND--
IN SO DOING--
AT LONG LAST--



--WE
SHALL
MURDER
TIME
ITSELF.

TO BE CONTINUED...

METROPOLIS.

GO!
GO! GO!

ABSOLUTE POWER #1 PREVIEW

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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.

WE'RE
NOT G-GONNA
MAKE IT!

STOP
BROWNNIN' YOUR
PANTS, JOEY!
WE'RE CLEAR,
AWRIGHT?

SSSS

AAAAAH!

SKRNNKKKK

NOT SO
FAST.





THE POWER DRAIN BEGINS IN

ABSOLUTE ^{#1} POWER

ON SALE IN JULY!

THE DARK KNIGHT'S SECRET IDENTITY IS FOR
SALE IN THIS SPECIAL OVERSIZE ISSUE!

BATMAN

#150

ABSOLUTE
POWER
TIE-IN

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JULY

ABSOLUTE POWER

INTERVIEW WITH MARK WAID

Thanks to the combined forces of Failsafe and the Brainiac Queen, Amanda Waller has stolen the metahuman abilities of every hero and villain on Earth. But it's not the powers that make DC's heroes super, and in *Absolute Power* by the superstar team of writer Mark Waid and artist Dan Mora, a resistance will rise to take the fight to Waller's Task Force VII—though the odds have never been worse for our heroes.



Mark, what does taking away the powers of DC's heroes allow you to explore in these characters that fans haven't seen before?

Genuine, down-to-the-bone fear. Not only are the heroes utterly powerless, but every resource has been taken from them. Because Waller knows everyone's secrets, she's been able to cut heroes off from their home bases and strip them of their equipment—no Bat-arsenal for you, Bruce; no Terrifictech for you, Mr. Terrific; no lasso for you, Wonder Woman. Waller's sealed the time stream. She's walled off the Multiverse and the Microverse. She's had the Earth quarantined by the United Planets, leaving the heroes nowhere to run, nowhere to retreat. Ordinary people won't help the heroes because Waller's used A.I. fake news to convince humanity that the heroes have gone berserk. And the relentless Amazons just won't stop hunting them, not for one second.

Remember, I've read every single DC superhero comic ever, and I am here to tell you, I set out to make things more hopeless for our heroes than they have ever been. And that's just in the first issue.

***Absolute Power* encompasses multiple heroes and villains from across the DC Universe. Who are you having the most fun writing in this story? Which characters should readers keep an eye on that might be unexpected?**

I think everyone will be surprised at who's leading the powerless heroes—it's not Superman, Batman, or Wonder Woman, but the choice, to me, was obvious. Jon Kent and Dreamer have also become major players, as has Steve Trevor.

Plus, from the Island of Totally Forgotten Heroes, we've drafted Air Wave into the fight for a very specific reason. And what the hell is happening with Green Arrow, man?



Fans are familiar with the pairing of you and Dan Mora from *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, but what are you seeing from his work in *Absolute Power* that has surprised you?

I didn't know Dan *could* surprise me any further, but I was wrong. The stakes in *Absolute Power* are so, so much higher than they are in *World's Finest*, and Dan expertly creates a sense of dread that permeates every page of this book.



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